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SUMMARY: OFFICIAL VISIT OF SENIOR KENYAN DELEGATION TO
UK TOOK PLACE MAR 6-8. DELEGATION MET WITH PRIME
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MINISTER CALLAGHAN, FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN, DEFENSE
SECRETARY MULLEY AND OTHER SENIOR HMG OFFICIALS FROM
FCO AND MOD. ACCORDING TO THE FCO, THE VISIT WENT WELL
IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSING KENYAN DEFENSE REQUIREMENTS,
THERE WAS A FULL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE HORN AND
RHODESIA. THE BRITISH REPEATED ASSURANCES TO THE
KENYANS THAT THEIR INTERESTS ARE TAKEN INTO SERIOUS

CONSIDERATION, AND THAT THEY ARE CLOSE TO BRITISH INTERESTS. WHILE THE KENYANS MADE FURTHER REQUESTS FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT, THE BRITISH MADE NO COMMITMENTS. END SUMMARY.

1. THE OFFICIAL VISIT OF THE KENYAN DELEGATION TOOK PLACE MAR 6-8. ON THE MORNING OF THE SIXTH, VICE PRESIDENT MOI MET WITH THE PRIME MINISTER PRIVATELY. LATER IN THE MORNING A "PLENARY" SESSION OF THE ENTIRE KENYAN DELEGATION MET WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY AND OTHER HMG OFFICIALS. A LUNCH AT 10 DOWNING WAS GIVEN IN THEIR HONOR. LATE AFTERNOON MONDAY WAIYAKI MET WITH OWEN. ON MAR 8 MEETING WAS HELD WITH DEFENSE SECRETARY MULLEY. OTHER MEETINGS WERE HELD AT THE FCO AND MOD AND THEY WERE ALSO GIVEN DEMONSTRATION OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT.
2. FCO DEPUTY EAST AFRICAN HEAD GAVE EMBOFF AS COMPLETE READOUT AS POSSIBLE OF VISIT. THE OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF THE FCO IS THAT THE VISIT WENT WELL, AND THAT KENYAN LEFT WITH THE KINDS OF ASSURANCES THEY WANTED.
3. THERE WAS A FULL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE HORN. IT WAS AGREED THAT IT WAS A PROBLEM WITH MANY COMPLEX ELEMENTS. CALLAGHAN ASSURED MOI THAT THE UK HAD NOT SUPPLIED SOMALIA WITH ARMS OR SUPPORTED THEIR FIGHT IN CONFIDENTIAL

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THE OGADEN, BUT HAD TOLD THE SOMALIS TO WITHDRAW. HOWEVER, IT HAD ALSO MADE CLEAR TO THE SOVIETS AND CUBANS THAT THE UK WOULD TAKE ANY INVASION OF SOMALI TERRITORY VERY SERIOUSLY. HE SAID THAT IF ONE FRONTIER IS TAMPERED WITH, THE REST ARE IN DANGER. HE ALSO SAID SOMALI INTERFERENCE IN THE NORTHEAST OF KENYA COULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE. CALLAGHAN ASSURED THE KENYANS THAT THEIR INTERESTS ARE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION AND THEIR INTERESTS CLOSELY PARALLEL UK INTERESTS. MOI REITERATED THE IMPORTANCE TO KENYA OF THE PRINCIPLE OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AND KENYAN CONCERN OVER SOMALI POLICIES AND ACTIONS. HE ALSO REPEATED THAT HE THOUGHT THE SOMALIS SHOULD WITHDRAW TO THEIR BORDERS, BUT HE ALSO THOUGHT THERE SHOULD BE ASSURANCES THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE OGADEN SHOULD NOT BE ILL-TREATED. KENYA OPPOSED ARMS BEING SUPPLIED TO THE SOMALIS FROM ANY SOURCE, BUT MOI WENT ON TO SAY THAT IF SOMALIA WERE INVADDED BY ETHIOPIA, KENYA WOULD NOT OBJECT TO BRITAIN SUPPLYING DEFENSIVE WEAPONRY TO THE SOMALIS. HE ADDED THAT IF ETHIOPIA DID INVADE SOMALIA, KENYA WOULD BE ON THE SOMALI SIDE. ON THE SUBJECT OF ETHIOPIA, MOI SAID THAT KENYA ATTACHED IMPORTANCE TO KEEPING LINES OPEN WITH

THE ETHIOPIANS AND HE THOUGHT THE UK SHOULD NOT ABANDON
ETHIOPIA TO THE COMMUNISTS WHOSE PRESENCE HE DID NOT
REGARD AS PERMANENT. MOI ALSO TOLD THE BRITISH THAT
HE IS GOING TO ADDIS ABABA IN THE NEAR FUTURE IN
CONNECTION WITH THE BRZEZINSKI PEACE PLAN WHICH WAS

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OUTLINED TO HIM IN WASHINGTON. CALLAGHAN TOLD MOI THAT
HE WAS ABOUT TO REPLY TO A RECENT LETTER FROM MENGISTU
AND THAT WHEN HE DID REPLY, HE WOULD TAKE THE KENYAN
VIEW INTO ACCOUNT. HE, TOO, DID NOT REGARD ETHIOPIA
AS TOTALLY SOLD TO THE COMMUNISTS.

4. ON THE SUBJECT OF KENYAN-SOMALI RELATIONS, MOI TOLD CALLAGHAN THAT KENYA REMAINED OPEN TO SOMALI PROPOSALS.
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HE MENTIONED AS ONE POSSIBILITY THE STRENGTHENED ARUSHA AGREEMENT. MOI ASKED THE BRITISH TO PASS THIS ON TO THE SOMALIS, AND THE FCO HAS DONE SO.

5. THE KENYANS DISCUSSED THEIR MILITARY REQUESTS WITH DEFENSE SECRETARY MULLEY ON MAR 8. AS EXPECTED, THE KENYANS ASKED THE BRITISH TO DO ALL THEY COULD TO EXPEDITE DELIVERIES OF ARMS NOW ON ORDER. (SPECIFIC REQUESTS ARE NOT KNOWN.) HOWEVER, HMG HAS EXAMINED BEFORE THE POSSIBILITY OF SPEEDING UP DELIVERIES AND HAS CONCLUDED THAT THERE IS NOT MUCH WHICH CAN BE DONE. THE KENYANS ALSO PRODUCED A "SHOPPING LIST" OF NEW EQUIPMENT IN WHICH THEY ARE INTERESTED (NOT YET AVAILABLE). APPARENTLY IT IS A SUBSTANTIAL LIST AND, ACCORDING TO THE KENYANS, COMPLEMENTS A LIST GIVEN TO USG. PURPORTEDLY IT INCLUDES REQUESTS FOR MANY TANKS AND HELICOPTERS. AS THE KENYANS MAY HAVE INDICATED TO USG OFFICIALS AS WELL, THEY MADE IT KNOWN TO THE BRITISH THAT THEY HAVE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS. THE KENYANS SEEMED TO CONSIDER THE MOST FAVORABLE CREDIT TERMS AVAILABLE THE MINIMUM TERMS NECESSARY. MULLEY WAS NON-COMMITTAL ON BOTH EQUIPMENT AND FINANCIAL TERMS. THE BRITISH DID OFFER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: THE KENYANS WERE TOLD THAT A SMALL LOGISTICS ENGINEERING TEAM WAS STANDING BY TO GO TO KENYA TO GIVE ADVICE. THE KENYANS ARE CONSIDERING THE OFFER.

6. ALTHOUGH CONSIDERED A POSSIBILITY BY THE FCO BEFORE THE VISIT, THE KENYANS DID NOT RAISE THE SUBJECT OF BRITISH GUARANTEES OF KENYAN TERRITORY. INSTEAD, WHEN TALKING OF KENYA'S DEFENSE NEEDS, MOI IMPLICITLY RECOGNIZED THAT KENYA WAS ON ITS OWN IN DEFENDING ITS TERRITORY.

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7. WHILE A GOOD DEAL OF TIME WAS TAKEN UP WITH THE SUBJECT OF RHODESIA, WE HAVE SO FAR BEEN GIVEN ONLY A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE DISCUSSIONS. CALLAGHAN SPENT SOME TIME GIVING HMG VIEWS. THE KENYANS SAID THAT THEY ATTACHED A GOOD DEAL OF IMPORTANCE TO BRINGING ALL PARTIES TOGETHER, AND QUESTIONED WHETHER THE INTERNAL

AGREEMENT COULD LEAD TO A SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT IN VIEW OF CONTINUED GUERRILLA OPERATIONS. THEY ALSO SAID THEY THOUGHT KAUNDA HAD A KEY ROLE TO PLAY.

8. JOINT STATE-DEFENSE SURVEY TEAM: FCO HAS TOLD US THAT U.S. TEAM WILL BE IN LONDON ON MAR 16. MEETING WITH OFFICIALS FROM MOD AND FCO HAS BEEN SET UP FOR 1400 THAT DAY. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF PLANS FOR TEAM VISIT TO LONDON AND ANY DETAILS NECESSARY FOR PREPARATION. FCO WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY SPECIFICS WHICH CAN BE SHARED IN ORDER TO BETTER PREPARE FOR MEETING.

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